

# Stanbridge Lower School



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## Newsletter No 1

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the start of another academic year. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and all feel happy and refreshed. I would like to welcome all the new parents and families to Stanbridge. I'm sure they will all feel at home very soon and will get to know school routines and procedures quickly. The staff and I have met, and set all key dates for the year and these are listed at the end of this newsletter and will be on our website soon.

### Academic Calendar 2018/19

As posted in newsletter No 11; please can you make a note of the Inset and term dates listed below. These have been changed to bring them into line with middle and upper schools in Leighton Buzzard and are different to the ones advertised on the Central Bedfordshire Academic Calendar. These will be updated on our website shortly.

#### **Inset Days:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September,
- 29<sup>th</sup> October,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June,
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### **Term dates:**

- Autumn term: 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - 21<sup>st</sup> December,
- Spring Term: 7<sup>th</sup> January - 5<sup>th</sup> April,
- Summer Term: 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 19<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Half term dates:**

- 22-26<sup>th</sup> October,
- 11-15<sup>th</sup> February,
- 27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May

### Communication at Stanbridge and Text Messaging for Parents

We use the text messaging service to inform you that current newsletters, letters about trips etc are ready to be viewed and downloaded from our website ([www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk](http://www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk)). The newsletter is an important source of information with all key dates and times on it, so please make the effort to read it and add dates to your diary etc. Text messaging will be used to send out urgent or important information to parents. *Reminders, via text messaging*



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*will no longer be sent out*, so please note down all important information from the newsletter, as stated earlier. Please can you send in the updated form below if any of your phone numbers have changed.

All key information relating to our school can be found on our website. Please take a look. You will find information about such things as

- School blog and announcements
- Newsletters, visits and trips
- School calendar: containing all key dates etc.
- Homework links
- Exciting websites for children to use
- Key information: school curriculum, policies, use of pupil and sports premium etc
- Curriculum Information: Find out what your child is learning about in school.

Letters about sporting events will be sent out directly before the event by Miss Waller.

### Harvest Festival - 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am: PS, Rec, Yr1 and 2pm: Yr 2,3,4

We are looking forward to you joining us for Harvest Festival and this year. Over the next couple of weeks the children will start to rehearse their contribution towards this year's assembly. We will be collecting for the Church of England Children's Society which is a charity that supports vulnerable children in our area. We suggest the children make a £1 donation which can be brought into school on the day. This will then be collected and passed onto the charity.

### Grafham Residential Field Trip

Due to the larger class sizes we have had to split this trip into two dates. Year 4 will have the opportunity to go to Grafham in May and we are currently organizing for Year 3 to go at another point in the year. As soon as we have a confirmed date for Year 3 we will let you know.

### PE Kits

Please can we remind parents and children that PE kits should be sent in on Monday and taken home on Friday for washing. All items should be named.

### Staffing News

Mrs Biggs will start her maternity leave on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Thackray will be the Pre-school Leader in her absence and she will be joined by Mrs Monk who will be the Pre-school Assistant. Mrs Davies will also join the Pre-school team during this time.

### Pre-school Class

Mrs Biggs has asked me to remind parents that the Pre-school children have a bag of spare clothes hanging on their pegs. All items, including the bag, should be named.

### School Clothing and Personal Items - Reminder

All school clothing, bags and personal items etc. should be named.

### Holidays in Term Time

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that rules relating to holidays in term time changed and ***no holidays will be authorised in term time***. If there are circumstances where you need to take your children out of school for exceptional reasons, please can you speak to me about this. The form to request holidays for exceptional reasons is available to download on the school website and must be submitted to the Head Teacher for approval.



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## Volunteering in School

If you have some spare hours and you would like to volunteer in school please speak to Miss Godwin. All help will be gratefully received. We are always looking for volunteers to support children with their learning and to listen to them read.

## After School Clubs

Mrs Davies has posted all the after school clubs on offer on our website at [www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk](http://www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk). Please sign up for these as soon as possible.

## Parking Outside of School

We continue in our endeavour to encourage all parents to be considerate parkers and to avoid parking on the corner of Orchard Way, across drives and on/opposite the zig-zag lines. Please report all persistent offenders to the School Office as we pass on details of this to the Community Police Officer. Thank you to those parents who do park considerately.

**Diary Dates:** These will be included on the school calendar on the website. Teachers are currently planning school trips for their classes and other curriculum events will also be organised and as the teachers plan their topics for the term. You will be notified of these accordingly.

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Yr 4 swimming starts   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Phonics Workshop with Mrs Forbes for Parents of children in Reception and Year 1 - find out how to support your child at home with phonics and reading. 3pm. |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Individual and Family Photographs  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Year 2 Class Assembly 2.45pm   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Yr3/4 Boys football event 2pm  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October                      | Harvest Festival: 9.30am - PS, Rec, Yr1 and 2pm - Yr 2,3,4   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October                      | Yr 1/2 and 3/4 Run 4 Fun 2.30pm  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> October  | Half Term  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November                     | Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby 1.30pm  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November                     | Remembrance Service in Leighton Buzzard for Yr3/4 members of Student Council   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Yr 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics 1.45pm  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Production: PS, Rec, Yr1 2pm   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Production: Yr2,3,4 2pm  |
| Tbc  | Christmas Lunch  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Parties 1.15pm   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December                    | Last Day of Term   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term  |
| W/B 7 <sup>th</sup> January                  | Yr3/4 Ukulele lessons start for 10 weeks   |
| W/B 7 <sup>th</sup> January                  | Yr 4 Cooking lessons start with specialist cooking teacher   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> January                     | Yr3/4 Tag Rugby 2pm  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> February | Half Term  |
| W/B 18 <sup>th</sup> February                | Yr 3 Cooking lessons start with specialist cooking teacher   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> February                    | Yr1/2, 3/4 Inclusion Sports Festival 2pm   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March                       | Yr3/4 High 5 Netball 2pm   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March                       | Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March                       | Yr1/2 Sports Hall Athletics 2pm  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                        | Yr3/4 Girls Football 2pm   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April                        | Last Day of Term   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term  |



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| 25 <sup>th</sup> April                  | Yr 1/2 Sports Hall Athletics                           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Year 3/4 High 5 Netball 2pm                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | Yr 4 Residential Field Trip for Year 4                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Half Term  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Yr 3/4 Kwik Cricket 10am                               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Yr 1/2 Tri Golf 2pm                                    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Sport's Day on Field                                   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Yr3/4 Quick Sticks 4pm                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                    | Yr 3/4 Orienteering 2pm                                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Children meet their new teacher for the following year |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Reports and New Class Lists to Parents                 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Open Afternoon 2pm                                     |
| tbc                                     | Yr 4 End of Term Treat                                 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Yr 4 Award Ceremony                                    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Last Day of Term                                       |

### **Brief Explanation of Sessions for new Parents**

**Sporting Events:** School is part of the Leighton Linlade Sports Partnership who provide many sporting activities and competitions for children in KS1/2 across the year.

**Harvest Festival:** Parents are invited into school to help us celebrate Harvest Festival.

**Parent Consultations:** Parents and children are invited to talk to teachers about their child's achievements, progress and targets. These sessions take place in the school hall. In the summer term a drop in parent consultation session is held for parents, after school reports have been sent out.

**Christmas Production:** We all look forward to these performances and the children all work very hard to give a polished performance. All children dress up and take part in the Christmas Production. This year we will be performing two productions appropriate to the age of the children (see above). All parents are invited to either or both of the productions.

**Science Week:** For those parents who want to find out more about how to support their children with science. The children work across the day taking part in science activities relating to their topic for the term. Parents are invited to drop into school at a time to suit them, to take part in science with their children.

**Cooking Classes:** Year 3/4 learn to cook as part of the new National Curriculum. A specialist teacher is brought in to teach the lessons to the children. They also focus on healthy eating, food preparation etc. Further details are published on our website.

**Class Assemblies:** This is a new initiative for this year. Parents are invited to attend the assembly with family members to watch their children present a special assembly show casing their work across the term.

**Sports Day:** Come and join us all on the school field and watch your child take part in sports across the afternoon. Are you brave enough to take part in the Parent's Race!!

**Yr 4 Award Ceremony:** All parents are invited into school for a special assembly to celebrate achievements across the year and to say goodbye to our Year 4 children.

Yours sincerely



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**Teachers 2 Parents - Text Messaging Service**

Name of Child: .....

My mobile/home telephone/emergency telephone number has changed to

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